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**THE MAPLE CITY
ADRIAN, MICHIGAN**

Adrian home comers' association

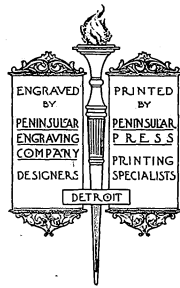


Adrian

The Home City of all
MICHIGAN

A Picture Book for the
Home Comers
and Others.

PUBLISHED BY
ADRIAN HOME COMERS' ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE ON SOUVENIRS AND BADGES
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ADRIAN

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THE home-coming of friends and
 relatives of years gone by is the
 crowning of our hopes, and our
 cup of joy is filled brim full and running
 over. We welcome you! The city is yours
 —be boys and girls with us again, and let
 us be free as the birds—free as in child-
 hood's happy hours to romp and play, for-
 getting the worry and care of present days.
 Hand in hand let us wander thro' the paths
 of old

*“Down the lane, thro' the pasture
 to the wand'ring brook,
 And fish for a whale with
 a pin for a hook.”*





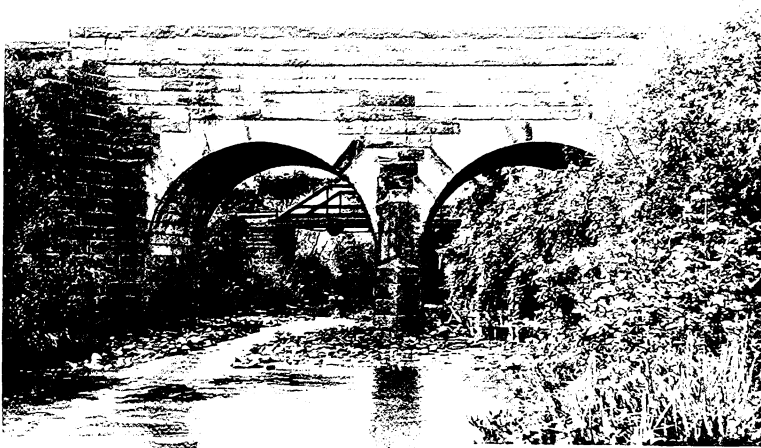
River Raisin, the city is crowded with beauty spots that attract the artistic eye and appeal to the poetic temperament.

This little souvenir is published to show the reader just a beauty spot here, a scene there, a growing enterprise yonder. A church, a school, a residence is transformed to the printed page that all may see some of the many features of which the residents of Adrian are justly proud.

The scene of quiet repose, rural simplicity and restful beauty along the River Raisin, shown on this page, can be duplicated a hundred times in and around the city by any nature lover. The beauty spots of Adrian are everywhere. It would take a day's drive to show them and a book to tell their history. Come and see.

Adrian is a city of homes. Its citizens are home lovers and home makers. In the range from the costly home of the wealthy and well-to-do to the vineclad cottage of the industrial worker will be found well kept lawns, fragrant flower gardens, buildings brightly painted, evidences of neatness, taste and thrift on every hand. Street by street the city over, the home makers have kept pace with the beauties of nature and have added here and there a touch to make the good old home town "The City Beautiful."

ADRIAN, the beautiful, sits majestic in a magnificent forest of luxuriant maples. Because of its miles and miles of maple shaded streets and avenues, it has long been known as "The Maple City." Rising gradually, street by street, to the east and west, from the gently murmuring



The past few years have seen wonderful strides in public improvements. Adrian has forged forward like a young giant. Many miles of business, residence and factory streets have been paved with brick and asphalt. Each year sees new additions. Practically \$75,000 will be expended for new paving this

year. Miles and miles of cement walks, cement curbing and boulevarding have been completed. The sewer system, already extensive, is being enlarged and perfected to care for both the present and future at an expense of approximately \$90,000. The fire department is equal to any and surpassed by none in a city of similar size. Water, gas and electric light is satisfactorily supplied by three separate corporations. The city has an excellent street car service. In every respect the facilities to care for the requirements of the people on the whole are modern and up-to-date.

The manufacturing industries add greatly to the accumulated wealth of a city. In this respect Adrian is famed the country over as "The Wire Fence Town." The product of the numerous fence factories is shipped around the globe. In addition to the large output of wire fence, automobiles, furniture, pianos and organs, fence posts, mail boxes, pulleys, screen doors, baskets, handles, razor strops, safety razors, fence machines, brick and tile machinery, steel castings, high grade patent flour, electric bells and many other useful articles are manufactured here. The various factories have 1550 employes, who will average \$2.00 per day, making a yearly pay roll of \$930,000. The manufactured products will reach an aggregate of \$10,000,000 annually. With



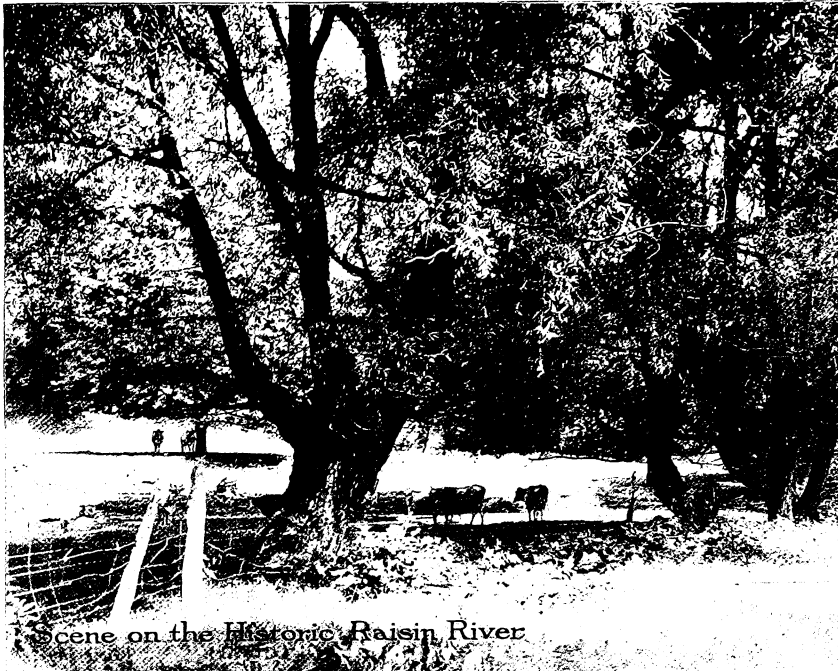
such a variety of industries all kinds of competent labor finds steady employment at good wages.

The prosperity of any city largely depends upon the intelligence of its industrial workers. In this respect Adrian is most fortunate. The working men are chiefly of the intelligent, home-owning class. They are depositors in the banks, stock-

holders in the building and loan associations, patrons of the schools and public libraries. Their homes are made pleasant with modern conveniences and intelligence is

increased with a plentiful supply of good books, magazines and newspapers. They take an active part in public affairs and materially aid in making prosperous and keeping clean the beautiful "Maple City," where labor troubles and costly strikes are unknown.

Adrian is especially favored in the matter of transportation facilities. The city is situated at the crossing of two big trunk lines, the New York Central Line (Lake Shore) and the Wabash system. The Detroit, Toledo and Ironton penetrates the Ohio and West Virginia coal fields and grows more valuable to Adrian each year. The Toledo and Western electric line runs from Adrian to



Scene on the Historic Raisin River

Toledo and connects with a network of electric lines in Michigan and Ohio.

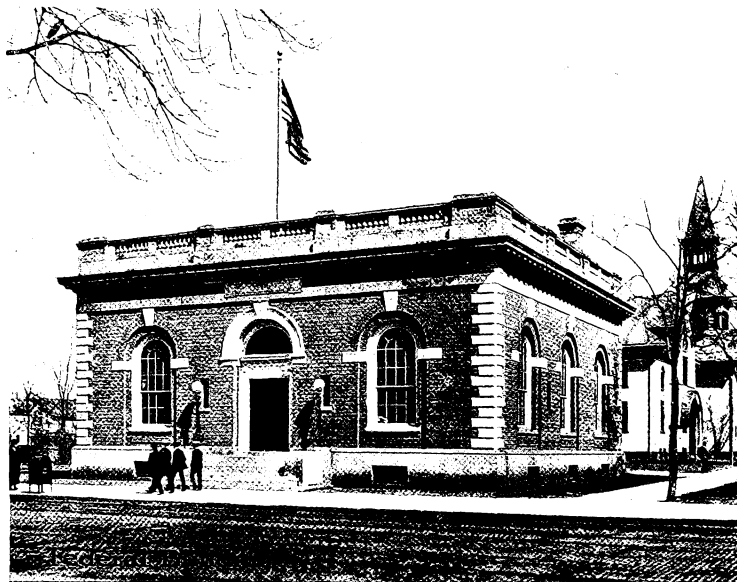
The public buildings of Adrian are in keeping with the needs and enterprise of the city. The federal building or new postoffice is a substantial and handsome

structure recently completed at a cost of \$40,000. The Lenawee County Court House, conveniently located and representing an outlay of over \$100,000, graces the center of a large square. The city hall is centrally situated at the edge of the business district and would cost upwards of \$25,000 to reproduce. With the removal of the public library the entire building will be devoted to city interests.

Adrian college was organized in 1859 and has since been in continuous operation during each college year. Its property could not be duplicated for \$200,000. The college maintains a school of liberal arts, a conservatory of music, business college and department of fine arts. The enrollment reaches close to 200 students coming from many states. Education-



The Historic Raisin River



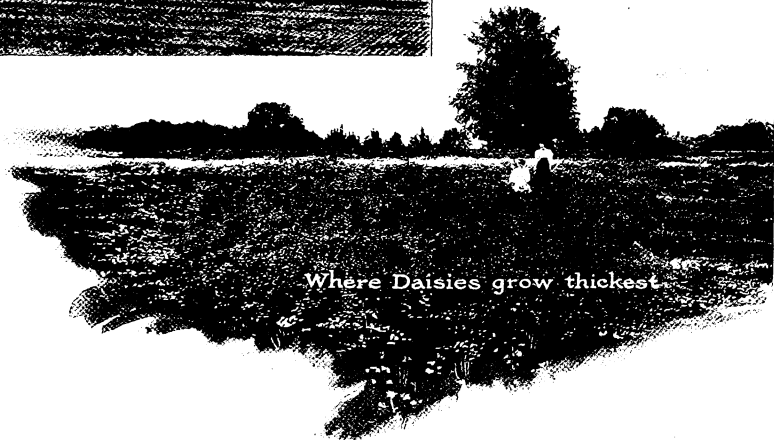
ally and morally Adrian college is of great benefit to the city. Financially the students bring in and distribute annually upwards of \$40,000. In addition to this those who have gone out from the school are

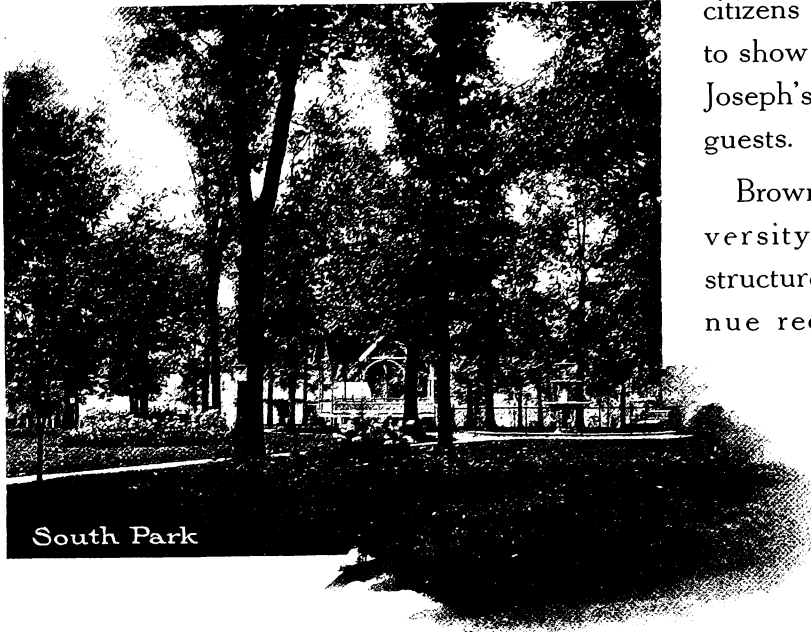
as enthusiastic in their praise of our city as they are of their alma mater.

The Michigan State Industrial Home for Girls, just north and on an elevation overlooking the

city, represents a state outlay of \$239,000. The Home comprises 113 acres of land, eight cottage homes, besides an elegant administration building, chapel, school house, hospital, etc. The appropriation for its maintenance in 1906 was \$68,000. The yearly cost per capita for the 319 wards of the state was \$121.60. The girls are thoroughly drilled in the elementary and some of the higher branches and are especially trained in all lines of modern home keeping.

St. Joseph's Academy, built by the tireless efforts of the sisters of St. Dominic, is an educational institution of prominence attracting students from all parts of the country. The enrollment is 250 and the buildings and grounds cost fully \$150,000. The annual expenditures will reach \$40,000. Adrian





South Park

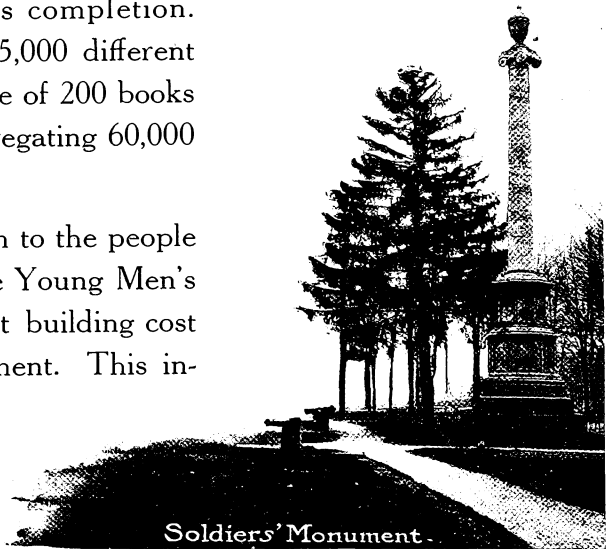
citizens are always pleased to show the beauties of St. Joseph's Academy to their guests.

Brown's Business University is a handsome structure on College avenue recently built and equipped at large expense to train the young for business pursuits. The Institution brings annu-

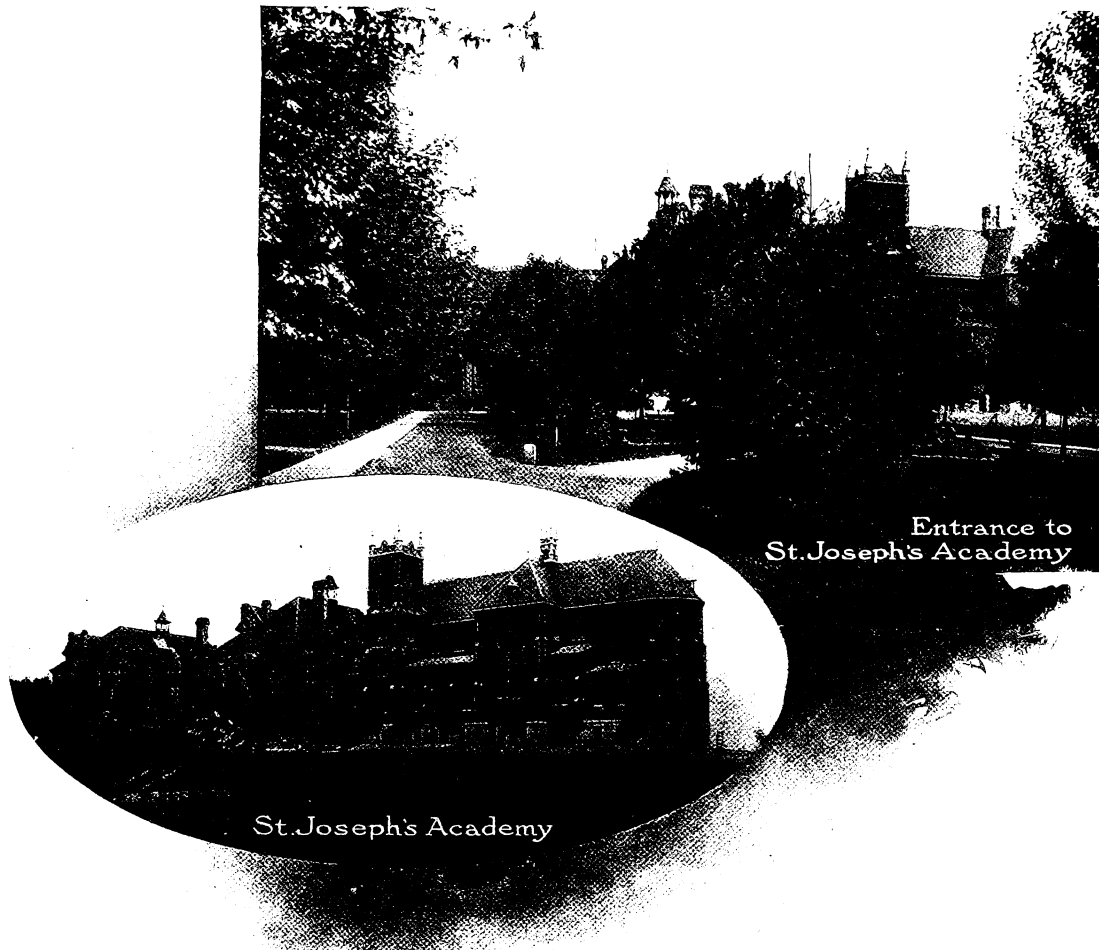
ally many students to the city who distribute thousands of dollars while acquiring a business education.

Through the generosity of Andrew Carnegie a new library building to cost \$25,000 will be erected this year on a site at the corner of Dennis and East Church streets which cost \$8,000 additional. The present public library situated in the City Hall contains approximately 19,000 volumes and will be moved to the new Carnegie library on its completion. Adrian has a reading public, over 5,000 different people being patrons. An average of 200 books is daily drawn from the library aggregating 60,000 volumes the past year.

A source of much gratification to the people is the handsome new home of the Young Men's Christian Association. This elegant building cost \$40,000 and has a modern equipment. This includes a fine gymnasium, swimming pool, shower baths and many other features. The upper floor is



Soldiers' Monument.



devoted to dormitories where young men have the advantage of every modern convenience. The active membership is 650. Probably no single institution receives more united support than the Adrian Y. M. C. A.

The Adrian Business Men's Association is a progressive organization of business men and manufacturers, working unitedly and systematically for the encouragement of new industries and upbuilding of the city. In every possible way the association can be depended upon to devote its best energies to every worthy movement intended to make Adrian grow.

Before the Soldiers' Monument in beautiful Monument Park, the patriot bears his head in honor of the heroes dead, who lived and died to make the nation great.



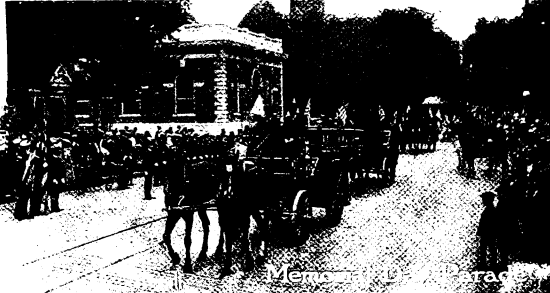
Home Comers Parade



Imperial Band in Memorial Day Parade



Veterans of 61-65

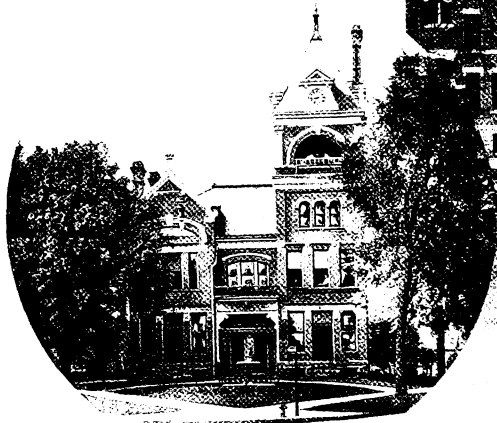


Memorial Day Parade

The cooling shadows of South Park, one of Adrian's beauty spots, invite a period of rest for the resident, the guest or the stranger within the gates where the fountains gleam, the coolest breezes blow and the flowers bloom in the smiling summer time.

Probably no one feature of a city adds more to its general welfare than a reliable, substantial and progressive business district. The leading Adrian business houses have stood the test of years and are to-day stronger, more progressive and more prosperous than ever before. They care for the interests of a vast agricultural territory, give splendid attention to the requirements of patrons and meet the most exacting and resourceful competition. Their liberality made possible the publication of this beautiful Souvenir.

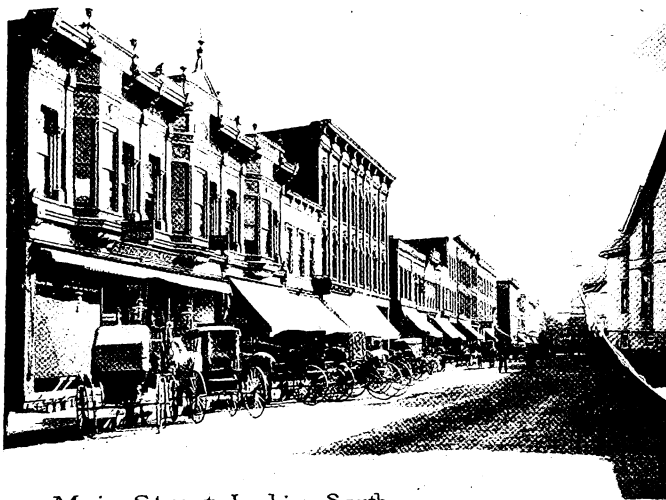
In line with the good home and progressive school must come up-to-date local government. Differences as to policies in the administration of public



City Hall



affairs are always to be expected. Yet municipal affairs in Adrian are conducted with as little friction as in any average city. Public officials work earnestly for the benefit of the people. Over \$150,000 is expended annually, and often much larger amounts, without taint of corruption. Officials who prove themselves worthy are re-elected year after year.



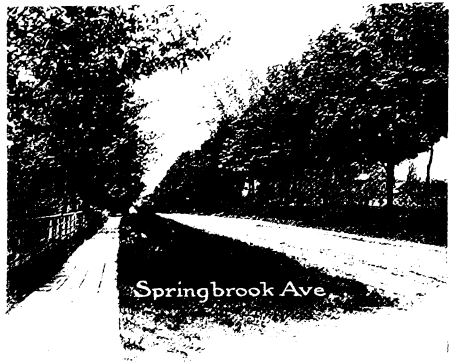
Main Street Looking South



D. W. Grandon



Maunder Street
Looking West



Springbrook Ave



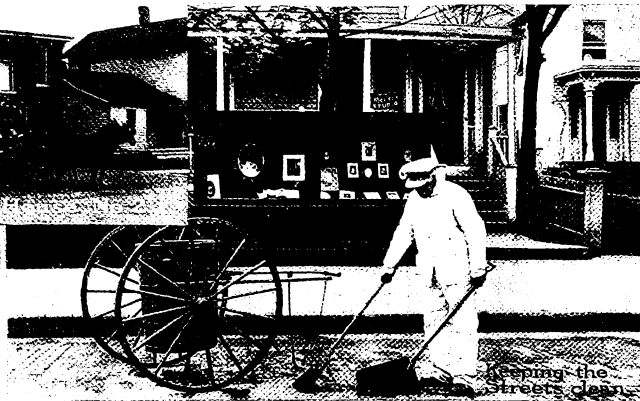
The High School
in course of erection.



Fire Engine House No. 1.

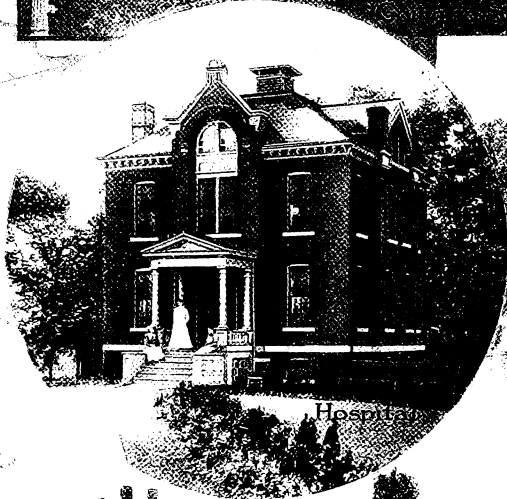


The Church



Sweeping the
Streets Clean

State Industrial Home



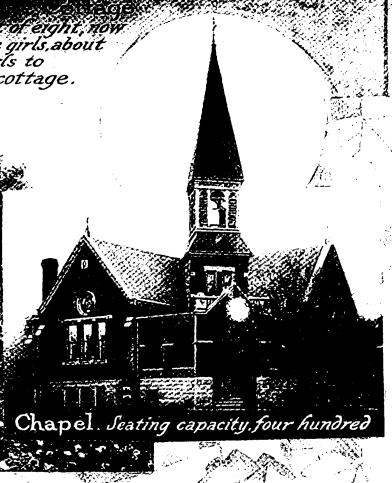
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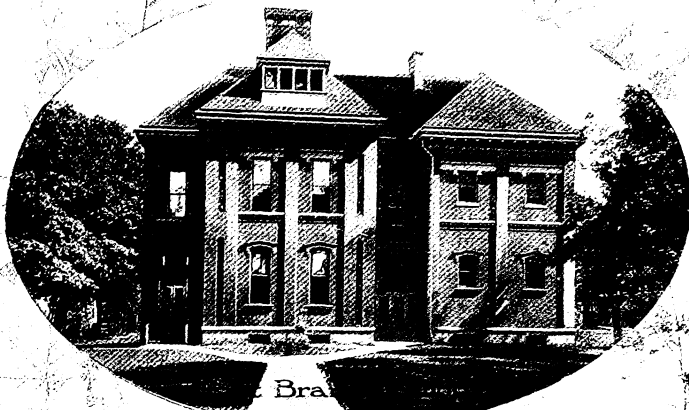
The first of eight, now occupied by the girls, about thirty-five girls to each cottage.



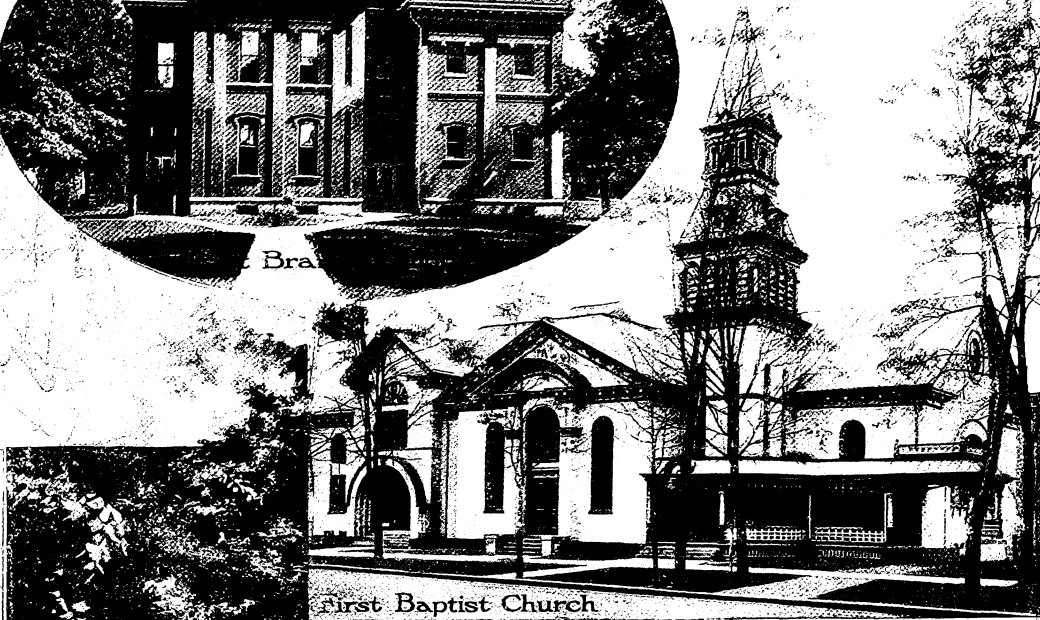
Central Building
Section of the grounds



Chapel. Seating capacity, four hundred



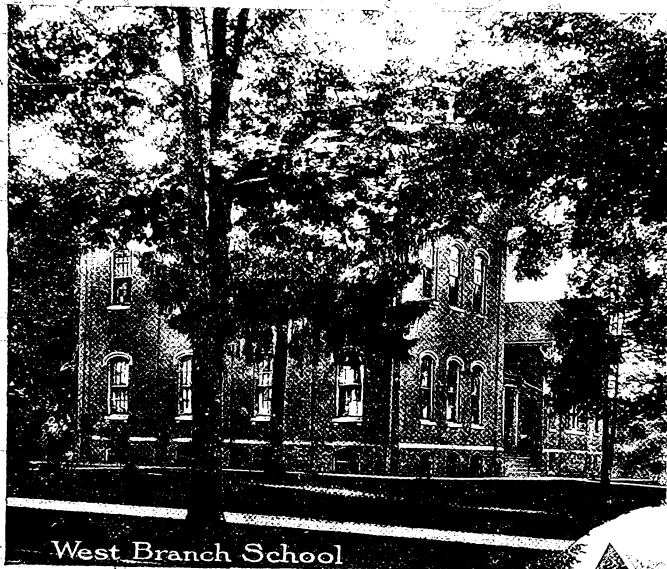
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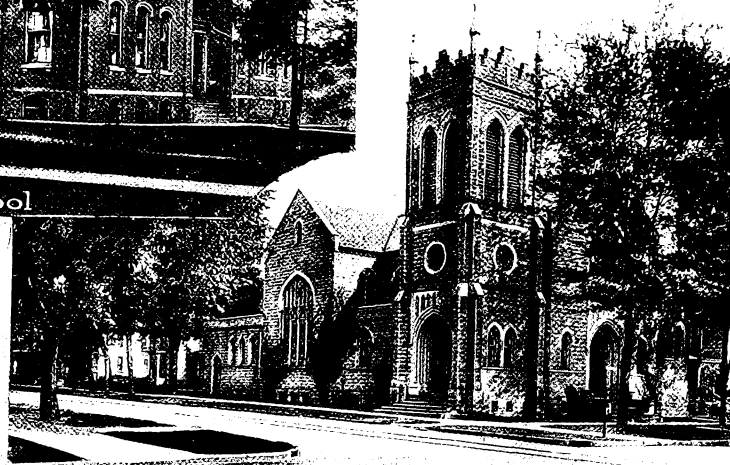
First Baptist Church



Next to the home in its realization to society stands the city school system. The buildings comprise the large Central School, the Central Primary and five ward schools. A new modern high school is in course of erection east of the Central building at a cost of \$70,000. Fully \$300,000 has been expended in buildings, grounds and equipment. The disbursements for the school year



West Branch School



Christ Episcopal Church

of 1906 amounted to \$64,000. There are 1900 students enrolled. Graduates are admitted to all accredited schools embraced in the Central Association of Colleges and Seminaries including the University of Michigan. Adrian citizens are more than proud of their public schools.

The religious interests of Adrian are amply sustained. There are nineteen church edifices and parsonages which cost upward of half a million dollars. Church attendance is large and the Sunday schools and young peoples' societies hold the interest and attention of the young. Pastors of ability are long retained and the fellowship among the various denominations is fraternal rather than formal.



South Branch School



United Brethren Church & Parsonage



M.E. Church

*Heller
Heller*



St. Joseph's



St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church



School

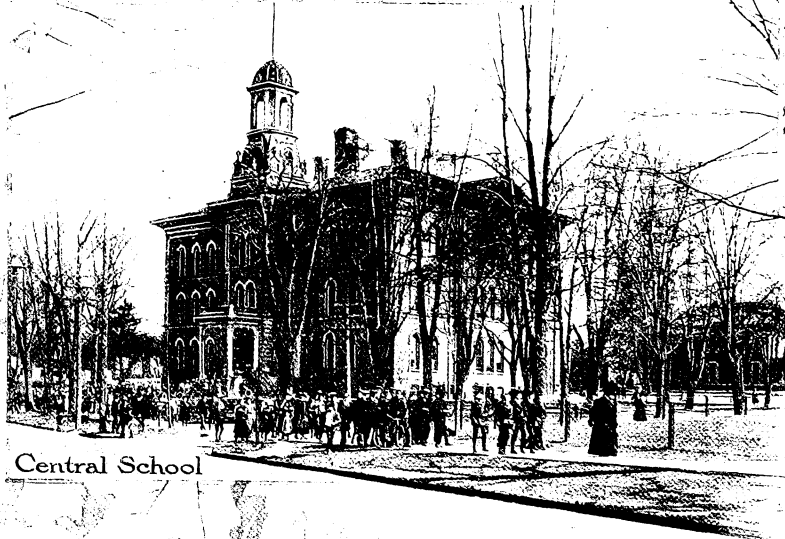
Matter Photo



First Methodist Protestant Church



Presbyterian Church



Central School

Mary Jones



H.A. Bower



Geo. Wirth



W.O. Albright



Charles S. Whitney



J. Will Kirk



W. C. McConnell



Attorney Earl C. Michener



L. B. Robertson



C. N. Turner



Lee Millard



Frank W. Olay



Peter R. Spielman



H. B. Waldby



A. P. Southworth



W. H. Hand



Chas. S. Park



C.G. Hart



R.A. Watts



H.V.C. Hart



E.W. Crane



E.L. Baker



Vernon Hoxie



Dr. W.A. Baker



Albert Hoxie



Robert Darnton



Geo. L. Bennett



John McCarr



O. b. Teachout

Holler
Photo



Dr. Geo. D. Gibson



J. Wallace Page



A. Peavey



E. J. Shepherd



Chas. E. Winne



F. E. Osgood



Ladd J. Lewis



Dr. E. T. Morden



Dr. G. B. M. Seager



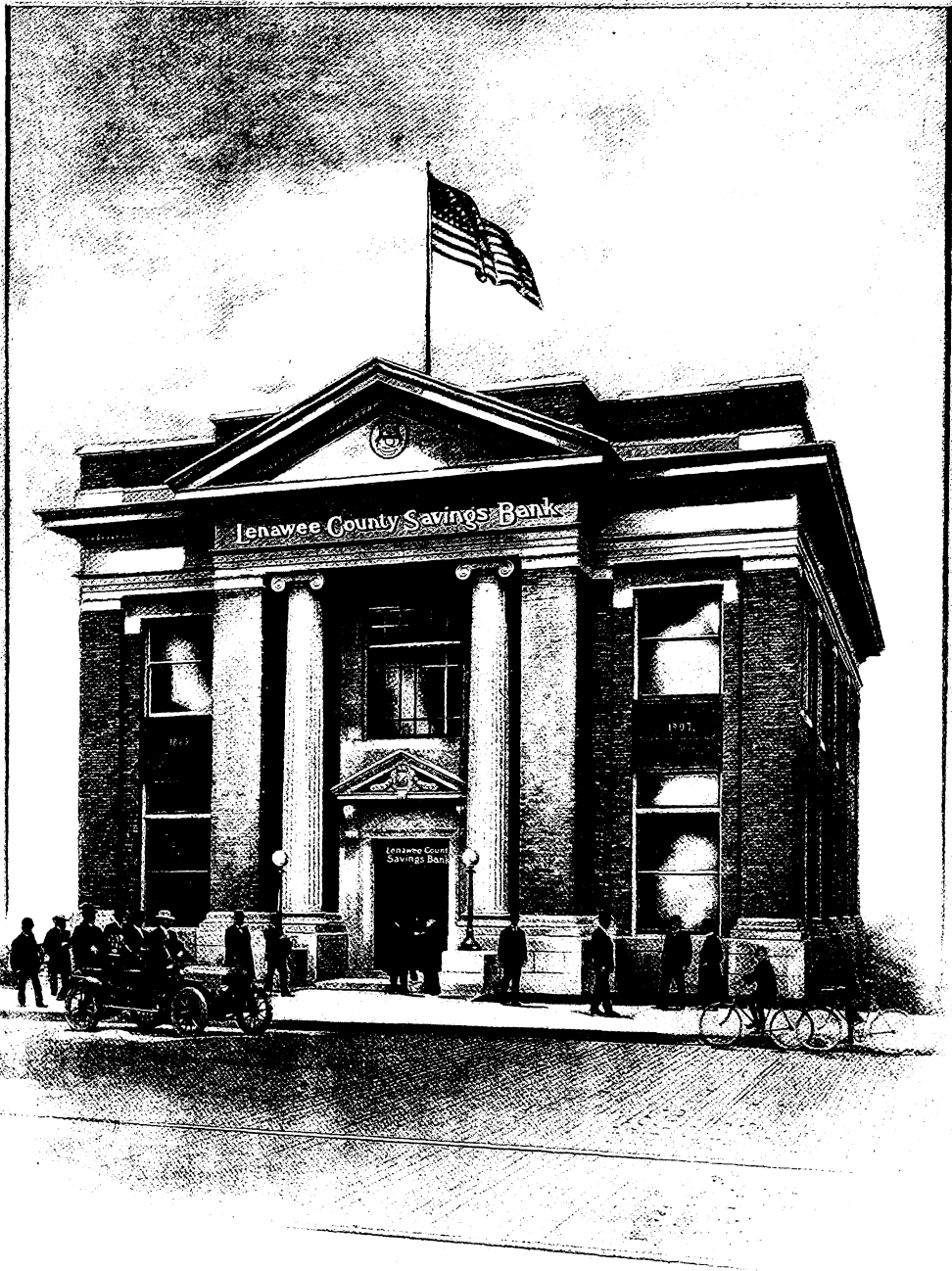
J. Hough



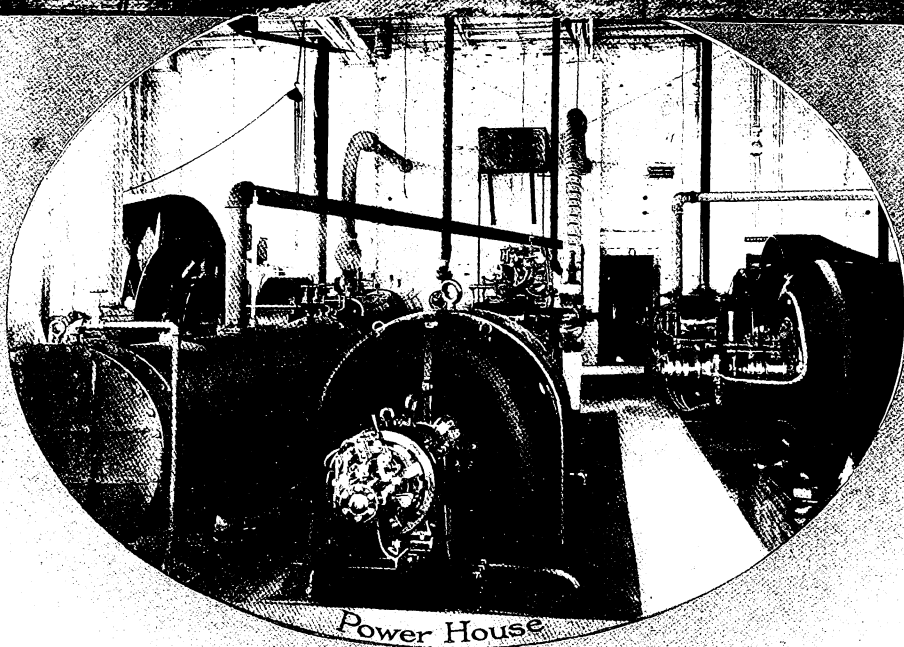
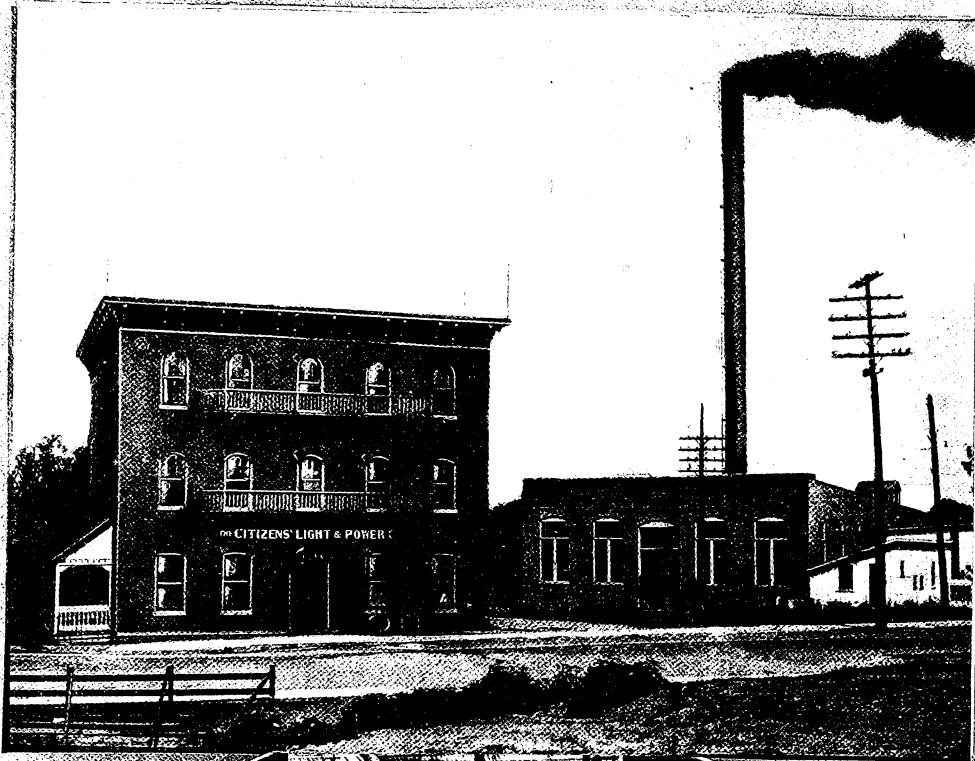
Dr. D. L. Treat



C. E. Bray



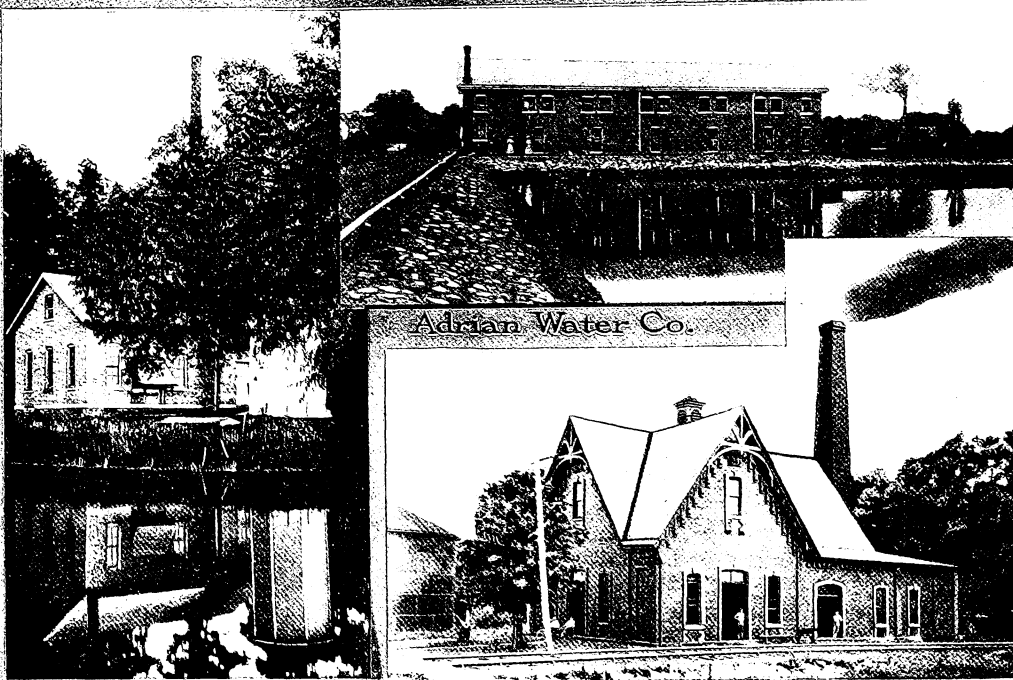
The financial requirements of Adrian and vicinity are carefully safeguarded by four solid, conservative and enterprising state banks. As an evidence of the prosperity and growth of the city the bank statements of July 23, 1897, showed deposits amounting to \$1,508,726.97. On May 20, 1907, the deposits had increased to \$3,252,271.27, a gain of \$1,743,544.30, or more than twice the amount ten years before.



Power House
The Citizen's Light & Power Co.



Nathan Smith & Son

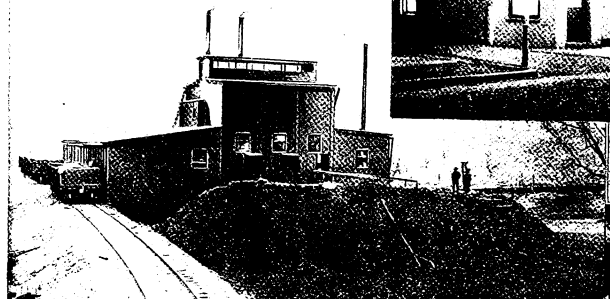


Adrian Water Co.

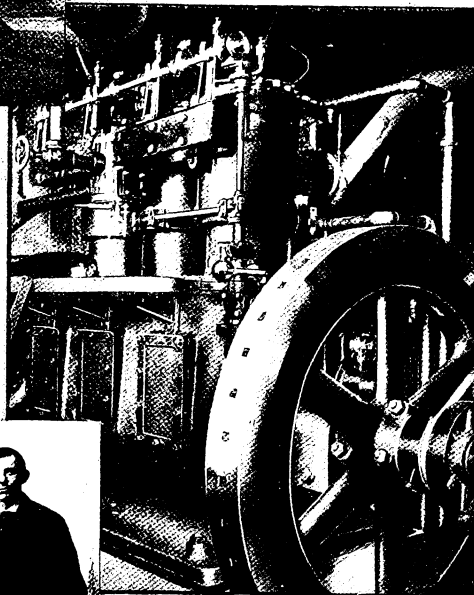
Adrian Gas Company



The Adrian Gas Company's Office



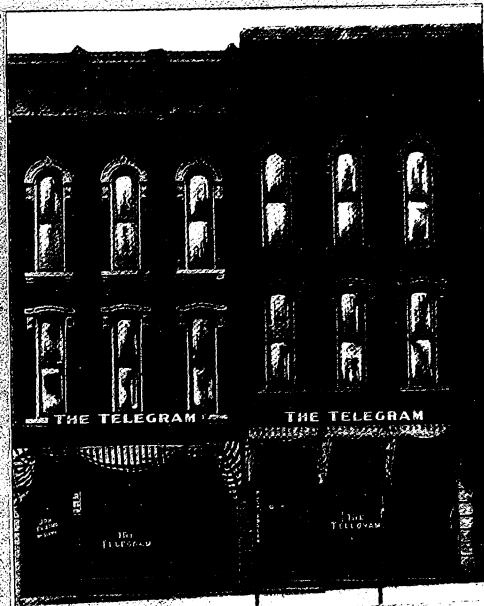
The Retort House



The Big Gas Engine
at the Lamb Fence Plant



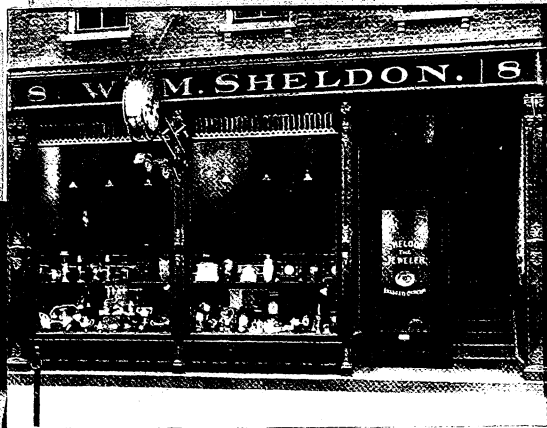
Gas Company Team



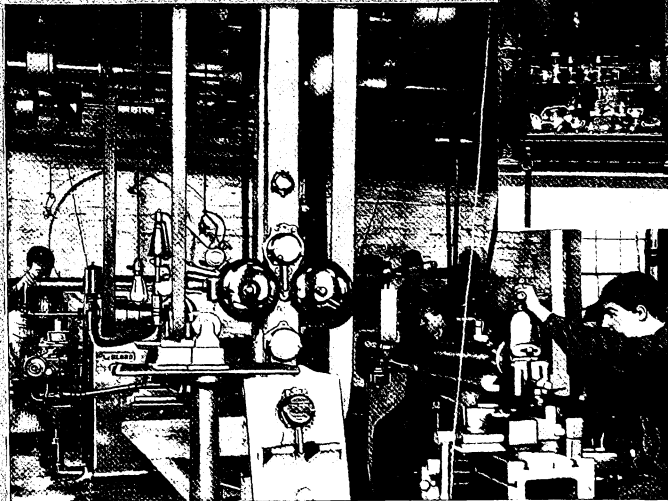
The Adrian Daily Telegram



Hart & Shaw



W. M. Sheldon



Schwarze Electric Co.



J. E. Everiss

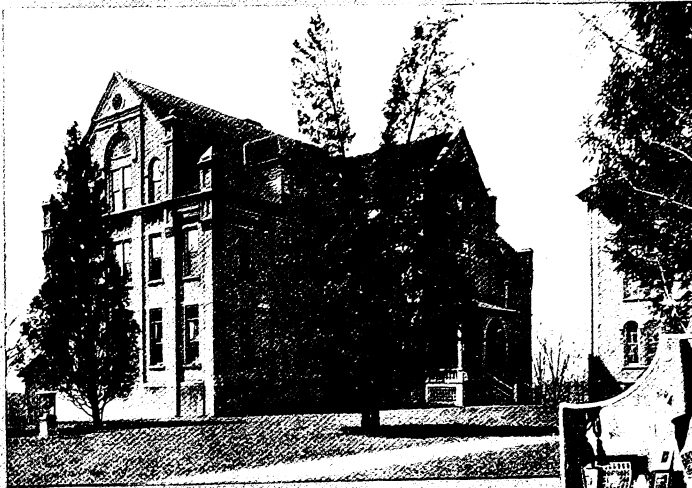
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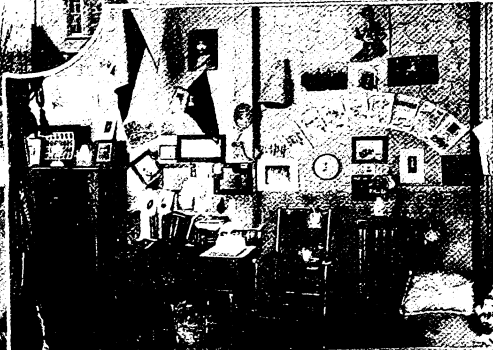
Brown's Business University

Metter & Peltz

Adrian College



Metcalf Hall



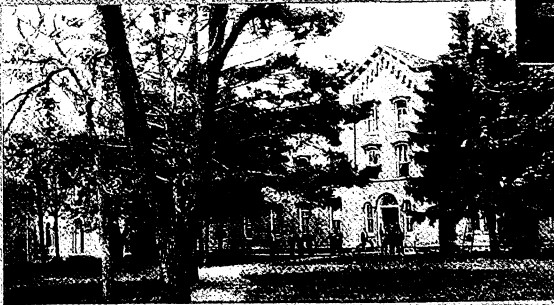
Boy's Room in North Hall



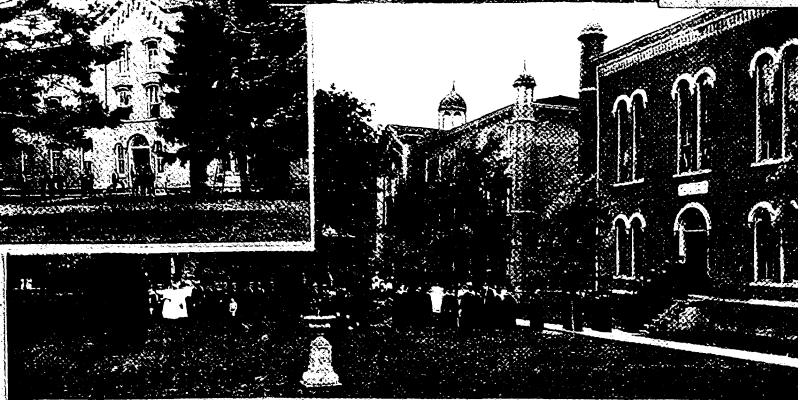
Girls Room in South Hall



Gymnasium
and
North Hall



North Hall



Commencement Time

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A. E. Palmer Furniture Mfg Co.



A. E. Palmer



Prof. T. Wallace



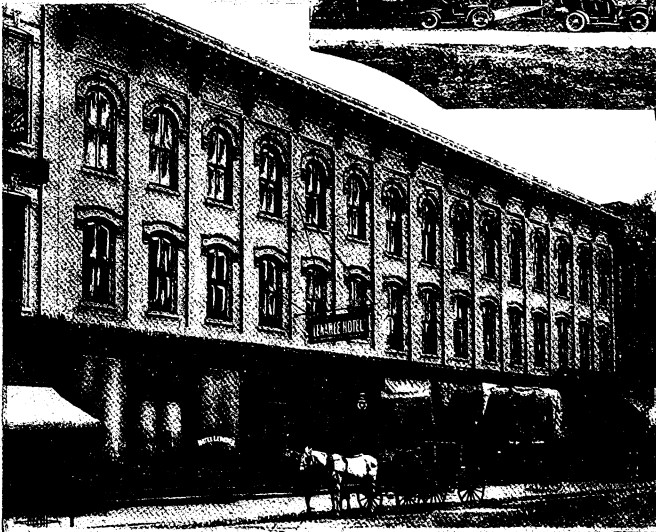
Ideal Wire Fence Co.



Wesley Clothing Co.



Page Gas Engine Co.



Lenawee Hotel

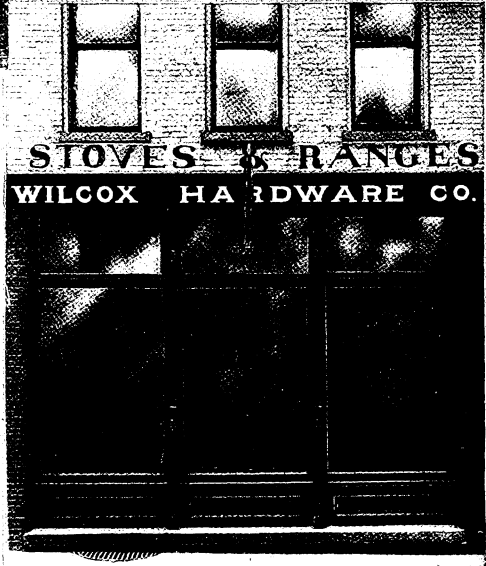
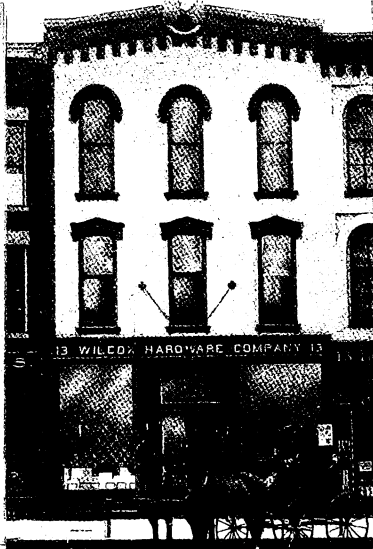


Implement Department
7 & 8 Maiden Lane



Implement Department Winter Street Entrance

Wilcox
Hardware
Company.



Stove Department 5 & 6 Maiden Lane



Shelf and Heavy Hardware Department
13 Varnum St.



Geo. A. Wilcox

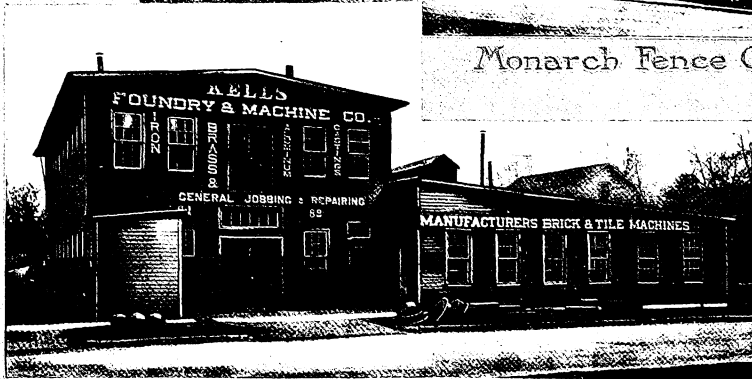
Vehicle Department 13 Maiden Lane



Moreland Bros & Crane



Monarch Fence Co.



Kells Foundry and Machine Co.

Kells Foundry



H. S. Roe Clothing Store



The Adrian Knitting Co.



Adrian Steel Casting Co.



W. F. King, Oldest Jewelry Store in Southern Michigan

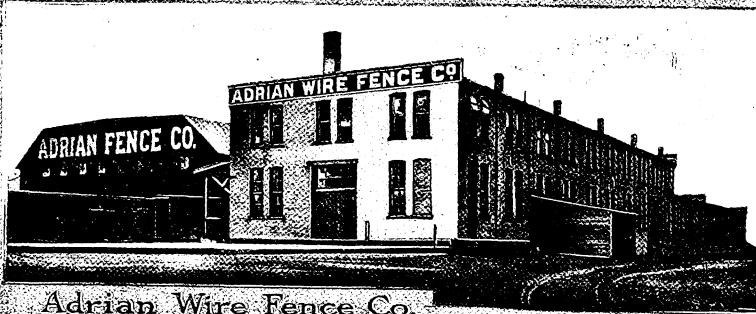


*Hotel Gregg
Frank S. Redfern*

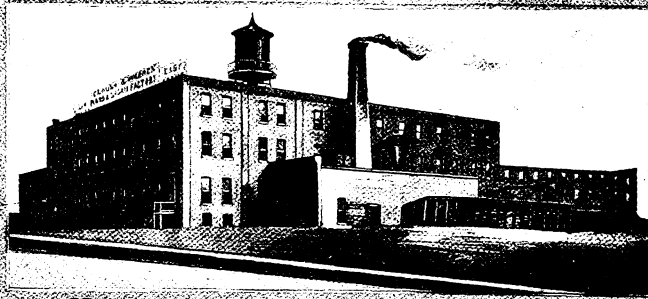


Lion Fence Company

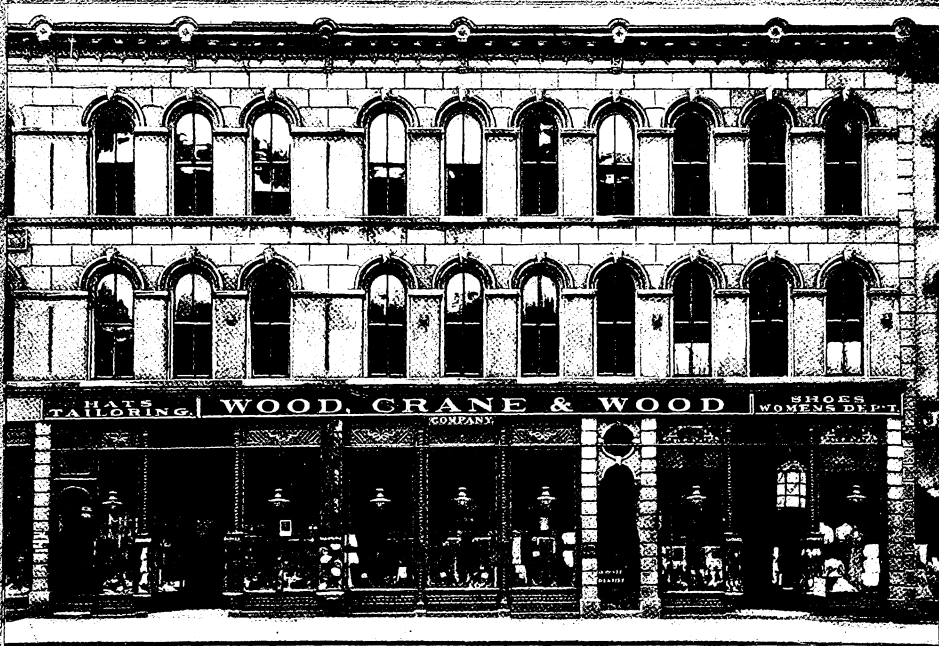
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Adrian Wire Fence Co.

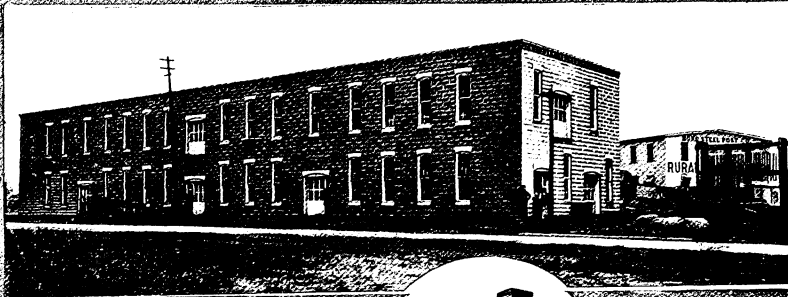


Clough & Warren



Wood, Crane & Wood

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Bond Steel Post Co.



Michigan Wire Fence Co.



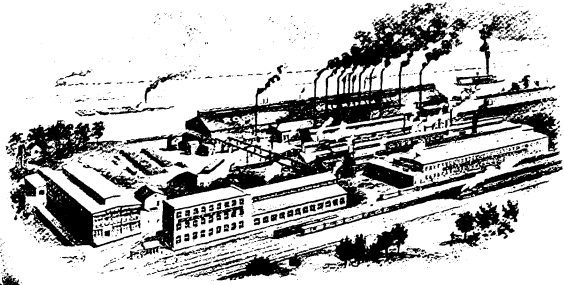
678 Gibford-Weiffenbach Co (inc)

Meller
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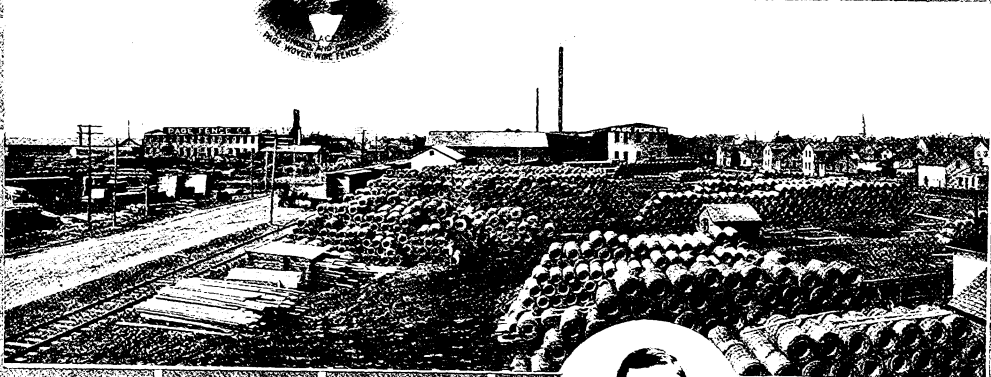
Views in
A. B. Park Co's
Store



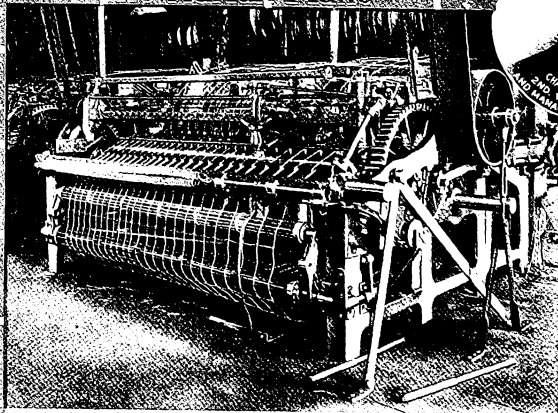
The Page Woven Wire Fence Company



The Monessen Plant

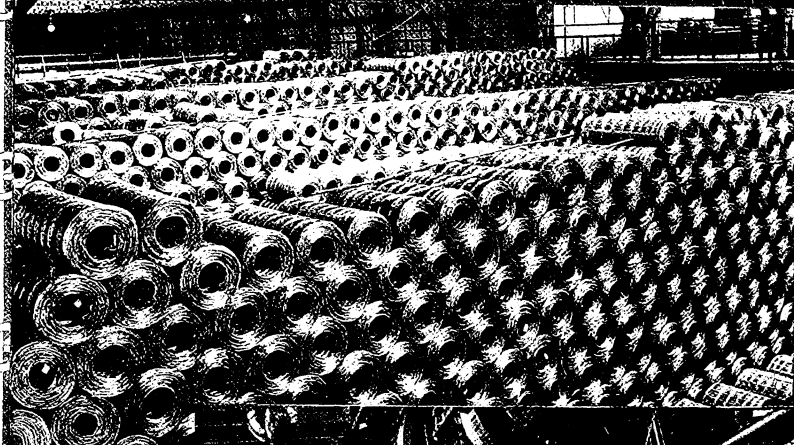
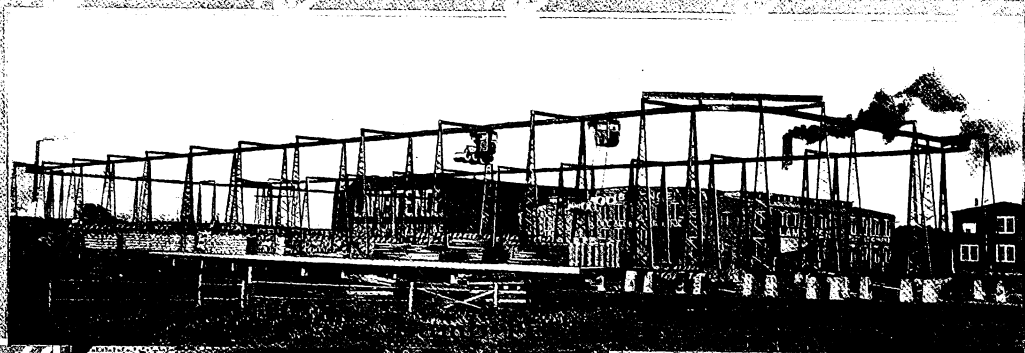


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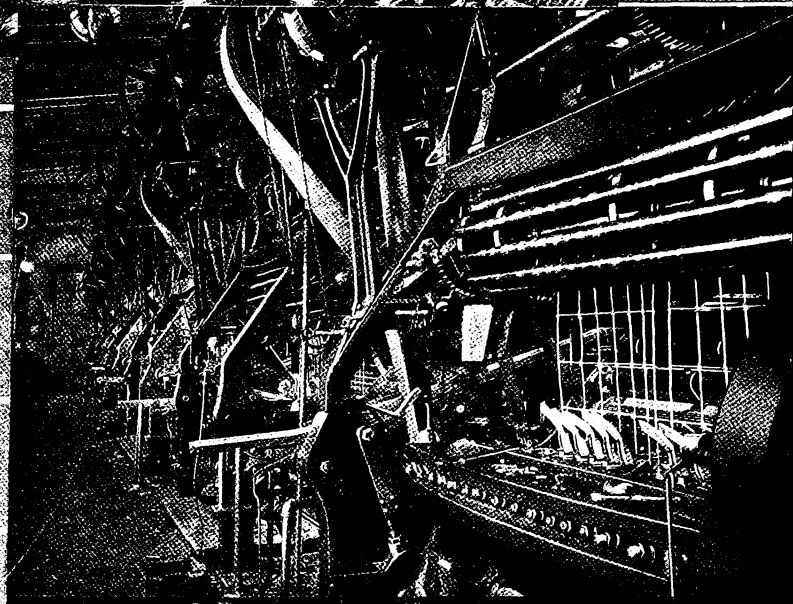


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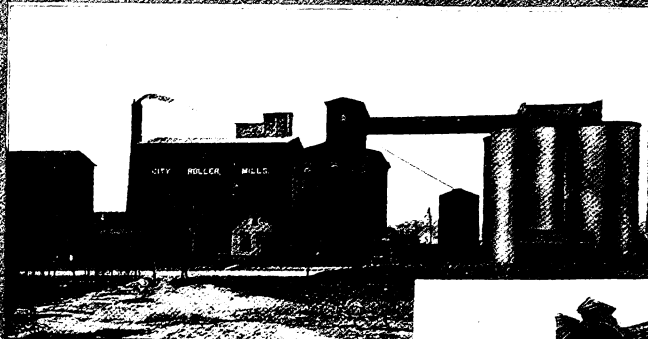
*The Fence
that made
Adrian
prosperous*



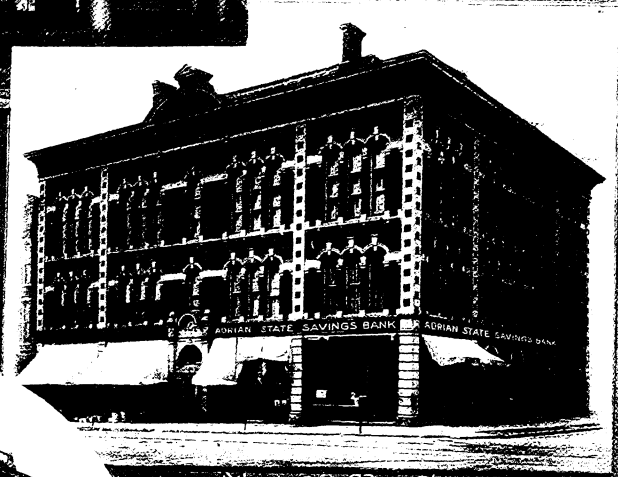
Interior of
Wool
Warehouse



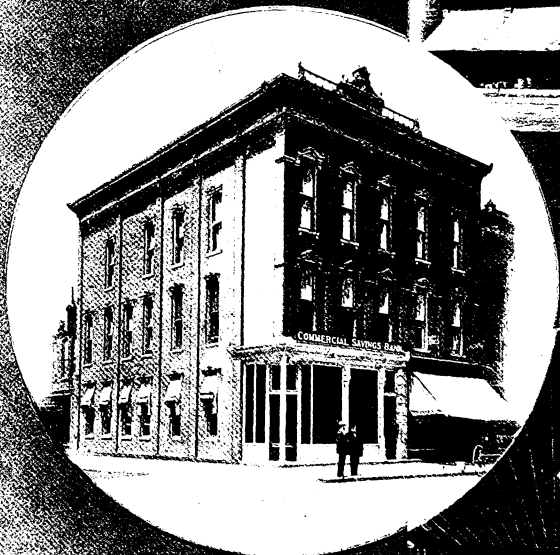
A Scene in one of the Loom Rooms



City Roller Mills



Massena Temple



Commercial Savings Bank



A Section in Beck & Ligans Store

